

59th American Federation of Labor Convention Opens With 512 Delegates

problems with the sincerity that I know this group gathers today, there is great hope for the future.

**Work For the Unemployed,
Must Be Provided**

"We have resting upon our shoulders today burdens that Americans have never had before. The responsibility is upon us to keep this land in such condition that

tests tyranny. Furthermore, it has faith in our government and confidence in our president, and confidence to the extent that out of these internal trials we have experienced within the house of labor will arise a new American Federation of Labor, triumphant in all its glory under the Stars and Stripes of the greatest nation on the face of th

"It is a serious responsibility that faces us at this hour, but let each one of us consecrate our service to the cause of the oppressed people of the Americas and keep America, even if it be the last land in the world where we can, as an outpost of mankind, its destiny and where its place in the community is recognized. Here alone the voice of man, the individual, emphatically counts."

ended a great pervading force in his government. America is the last of the great democracies of the world. No place else in the world could we meet as we meet here today with our problems.

Mayor Stewart, Mayor of Cincinnati
Social Service

Following Governor Bricker's address Mr. Hurst introduced Hon. James Garfield Stewart, Mayor of Cincinnati, who was the first of the Cincinnati in the name of the municipalities.

You people are our business and we are your business. We are as long as your meeting lasts and as long after that as you can stay. We are here to help you. We are here to offer to you. That is the nature of welcome. That is, if you have individuals and if you have here, we are the agency to handle this for you."

Judge Bell Leads Organized Laborers to the Working People

Mayor Stewart expressed the commendable view that social service is the outstanding trait which should animate every citizen.

"I think it is a great job and a great opportunity to go around and

"I would rather have it said of me that I was a fool than that I was a little something to make the people of Cincinnati like each other better," he said. "I am sure it could possibly be credited to me, because I am thoroughly convinced that we are a better people than during material prosperity, and certainly during material adversity. We put up with adversity with nobility, until the American people put up with their hearts hard and malice against each other. I am sure that we are a better people than we are now, and put up to their hearts love and friendship, cooperation and tolerance."

"I don't mean by that ever sacrificing a single principle for which you stand, but I do mean by that a realization that no one group can long be prosperous in America unless every group is prosperous and working together. I believe the American

Crises Use of Machinery As Job Destroyer

Turning to the tremendous amount of unemployment caused by the displacing of labor by the introduction of new machinery by these two industries and control industry, Mayor Stewart said:

"The invention of machinery, according to Benjamin Franklin, was

"Therefore, when you are on the path of taking this technical age to the masses, you must be aware of the machinery that has been invented to displace man power and making it something in America that is to make life easier for the masses. It is not to make and not make it more difficult to secure a job or more difficult to live as well as to live. You are on the right track and are with you."

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Wagon to Liberty
The address of Mayor Stearns' address, Mr. Hurst introduced Michael Lyden, President of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, who paid tribute to the speaker, the philosopher, the statesman, and the scholar under whose leadership the Federation of Labor has been constituted itself a highly important factor in the development and the conduct of the American movement. He also warmly commended its influence and cooperation to every laudable movement, civic or political.

Official organization did not have time to be discussed in your Federation of Labor, which is mutual helpfulness and the strong arm of the law. The motto is I am sure you can agree with the quotation of Emerson's line, "Life is a progress and not a station."

Grand Secretary
Federation of Labor Philosophy
At the conclusion of Judge Bell's address, Mr. Hurst handed the gavel to the speaker, who officially opened the convention.

"In every one of our 48 states and in all of our various cities," he said.

The American Federation has stood for progress, clean living, fine citizenship, and a constructive attitude toward training human resources for the advancement of the American people as a whole.

"It yields to none in its loyalty to the fundamental principles of our government and its various institutions.

At that, our doctor,

Mr. Green has fought contentedly and persistently, in season and out of season, a defense of human rights and human freedom.

But, above all, the American Federation of Labor loves liberty and democracy.

The complete text of Mr. Green's keynote speech appears elsewhere in this issue of the American Federation of Labor Weekly News Service.)

1940 Union Label Exposition Planned By Union Label Trades Department

By F. P. L. Weekly News Service,
Cincinnati, Ohio.—The Union Label
Trades Department of the American
Federation of Labor will sponsor an ex-
hibition to the United Cement, Lime
and Gypsum Workers, the first thing
of the kind in the country.

Preliminary plans were discussed for setting up another giant union label exposition next year if it can be done in conjunction with the 1940 American Federation of Labor convention. This exposition is expected to surpass even the original one held in 1935.

By way of illustration, he informed the delegates that a few years ago, in the Union Label Trades Convention, President William Green stressed the growing importance in the nation's economic life of the union label, the union shop card and the union button.

When he gave a new international
sent of the department and I. M.
Ornburn, secretary-treasurer.